

this case no orders were passed. A Proceedings will be issued in some cases.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government will follow a satisfactory method by which they can bring to the attention of the Council the action taken by them on the motions passed by the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There will be more than 100 cut motions in a Budget Session. Government do not think there will be any need to publish these orders. If they are important enough, they will be published.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are cut motions not important?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Some are not so important as to deserve publication.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it not necessary that it should be brought to the attention of the Members of the Council who have participated in the proceedings? Is it not necessary that they should be acquainted with the disposal of the cut motions passed by them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nothing specific is done unless it be a very important order deserving publication. In the case of other motions, Members find out the result from the Gazette, from the Press, or by putting a question or by moving a resolution.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will such important orders be published in the Gazette?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is always done.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the necessity of publishing the orders passed on the cut motions carried in the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have no objection to consider that.

Visit of the Director of Public Health to the Ottupara arecanut market.

264. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Public Health or any of his subordinates visited the Ottupara arecanut market after the Vrischigam sitting of the Legislative Session of 1108;

(b) whether on that occasion any statement or statements were taken from any one in the market;

(c) what was the reason for the visit and the statements;

(d) will copies of these statements be placed on the Council table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes, Director of Public Health in company with the Sanitary Inspector, Northern Division, inspected the market on 29th Vrischigam 1108.

(b) No. But the persons who had assembled there were asked as to whether they would like to have another market near the locality, whether they have any complaints about the existing market and whether a second one would in any way bring about additional advantages to the parties. They were all unanimous in the opinion that a second market would be quite disadvantageous to their business, since the suppliers and purchasers would be divided in two places and since they would not be able to get the price of the article fixed according to the current rate as each market owner will be dictating terms according to his whims and fancies. They said that they are satisfied with the working of the Ottupara market and that they do not desire to have another market.

(c) Some of the interested persons represented that a second market would be more advantageous to the producers and hence an enquiry was conducted and the producers were asked to verify the truth of the representation.

(d) No statement was recorded and hence no copy can be furnished.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(c) Who were those interested persons?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am sorry I haven't got the names.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it a fact that the Director of Public Health was camping at Vadakkancheri prior to this inspection?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government is not aware of it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is said here "They were all unanimous in the opinion that a second market would be quite disadvantageous to their business, since the suppliers and purchasers would be divided in two places, and since they would not be able to get the price of the article fixed according to the current rate as each market owner will be dictating terms according to his whims and fancies". So, a multiplicity of trade reduces prices. That is the opinion of the Government, I suppose.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is the opinion of the people who spoke to the Departmental Head.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Government also fix their opinions more or less upon this sound commercial proposition.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The reasons which induced the Government not to open the market has been dealt in great detail two days back.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there any intimation given that the Director of Public Health would be making an investigation so that the people may come and make representations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Are prices in the markets dictated by the market owner?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are dictated or suggested by the person who wants to sell or by both.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Here, whether it is the owner of the market?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It may be a mistake on the part of the people who represented.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were orders issued to the Government requiring the Director of Public Health to visit this market?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think any specific order was issued.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did the Director of Public Health visit the market *suo moto*?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is within his province to visit all markets.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did he visit with the object of holding an enquiry or was it a casual visit in the course of his routine duties?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it a fact that the Sanitary Inspector is put up in a building belonging to the licensee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Keeping a permanent vacancy of an Assistant Surgeon without being filled up.

265. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) is there a permanent vacancy in the post of an Assistant Surgeon owing to the confirmation of Dr. C. L. Joseph as a Civil Surgeon ;

(b) is the vacancy filled up ;

(c) who is the claimant for the post ;

(d) why is the vacancy not filled up ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. A graduate in medicine is acting in it.

(c) This has not been decided.

(d) Vide answer to (b).